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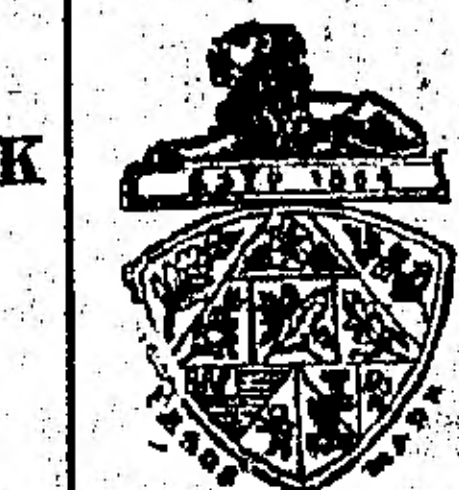
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On January 6th, at Shanghai, the wife of Mr.
DAVID LANDALE, of a daughter.

DEATH.
On January 8th, at Shanghai, EMILIE, the
beloved mother of CHARLES IVINS, aged 74 years.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VŒUX ROAD C
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 12TH, 1909.

THE discovery of forty-nine rats proved dead
of plague at Shanghai in the course of a
fortnight, last month, has naturally caused
anxiety to the Health Authorities of the
Settlement, as well as to the authorities in
the ports up the Yangtze. So far as is
known, there are no records to show that the
Yangtze valley has ever been swept by
plague in epidemic form, "or of any records
of even isolated cases having occurred, with
the exception of infected persons who, from
time to time, have been removed from
steamers entering Shanghai from outside
ports." But the absence of records is not
necessarily conclusive of the absence of
plague in any part of China. When the
first epidemic broke out in Hong-
kong, in 1894, Dr. LOWSON caused
careful inquiries to be made on this subject,
and the result was that after months of
diligent searching, Mr. DYER BALL, who
was deputed to make the investigation, had
to report that Chinese history contained no
reference to any epidemic of plague.
How, and by what means, bubonic plague
was introduced into Hongkong no man can
positively say. Prior to 1894 plague was
unknown in Hongkong. It had practically

been endemic in Pakhoi for over twenty years,
but the only occasion when it had been
epidemic was ten years before the appear-
ance of the plague in Hongkong. It was
early in February 1894 that an epidemic
began at Canton, and it broke out in
Hongkong in May. In those four months
there was no plague at Pakhoi, and it
was, therefore, assumed that it was intro-
duced into Hongkong from Canton.
Exactly how it was introduced baffled in-
vestigation, though it has long since been
generally accepted that rats from the ship-
ping formed the means of communicating
it from one port to the other, and the
authorities in their wisdom decreed that the
ropes by which ships were tied to a wharf
should be provided with planks to
prevent rats getting ashore from the ship,
as if rats preferred walking the tight-rope
to the broad plank of the gangway. The
fact has to be faced that it is impossible to
prevent rats getting ashore from a ship at a
wharf, if they are so minded. They may
either walk or run ashore, or they may be
conveyed ashore in cargo. There can be
little doubt, however, that it is by this means
that plague is spread. If any additional
proof of the fact were needed we may
obtain it from Shanghai. When on the 8th
ult. two dead rats found near the wharves
at Shanghai were ascertained to have died
of plague, a systematic search for dead
rats was made in all the sanitary districts of
the Settlement, and of the forty-nine (out
of 1,329) that were found to have died of
plague, nearly all were found in the
neighbourhood of the wharves. The
Health Officer, therefore, concludes that
there is little doubt that the introduction of
plague has been effected through the chan-
nel where the preventive measures taken by
the Port Health Authority have been
weakest, namely those for preventing the
introduction of rats by ships from plague-
infected ports. Consequently this unpleas-
ant discovery led to the formulation of
potential measures and a plan of campaign
which, we hope, will be successful in preserv-
ing Shanghai from a scourge which has
cost the Colony of Hongkong in the last
fourteen years many thousands of lives and
several millions of dollars. It is interesting
to note that Dr. STANLEY regards the cat
as the most successful agent for the exter-
mination of rats, and says that by cats alone
it should be possible to keep houses rat free,
and, as a direct result, plague free. Every
householder, therefore, is recommended to
keep one or more cats in his house. This
is an endorsement of the new method of
combating plague in Hongkong. We un-
derstand that the advice given by the
Sanitary Board in this connection is being
generally followed, and in the coming
plague season we trust a considerable
improvement may confidently be anticipated
upon the mortality returns of last year,
when plague was more prevalent in the
Colony than it had been since 1903.

Exchange is going up. Yesterday's rate was
1/9.

Training for the Hongkong Races which take
place next month, is now in full swing.

A collision took place in the harbour yesterday
afternoon when a launch ran down a junk and
sank her.

The name of Colonel Fitton, of the Royal
West Kents, has been mentioned in connection
with a staff billet in India at an early date.

Shen Chia-peng, the High Commissioner who
compiles legal codes, is stated to have decided to
adopt British laws in compiling the commercial
code.

Private information has reached Manila from
Washington, D. C., to the effect that the Navy
Department will order the entire First Provi-
sional Regiment of Marines, now on duty with
the Army of Cuban pacification, to the Philip-
pines, on the evacuation of Cuba.

The closing of the second half of the opium
shops in the Settlement of Shanghai which was
effected with the close of the year passed off
without trouble, and since then the various
shop-keepers engaged in the trade have
commenced establishing themselves in other
businesses.

Sir Haviland de Saumarez, Judge of H.B.M.'s
Supreme Court for China and Korea, has recently
undergone at Home a third operation for ap-
pendicitis, which, it is satisfactory to state, has
proved more successful than the previous ones,
and it is hoped that within a very short time he
will be once again restored to good health. His
leave of absence has been extended for a period
of six months, and he is expected to return to
Shanghai sometime in October.

The Barber guild of Canton have presented a
petition to the Chief Superintendent of Police
praying that instructions may be given to the
landlords to reduce their rents, as barbers are
not permitted to work during the period of State
mourning. The guild points out there is a
precedent in this matter. The Superintendent
of Police has replied that he will communicate
with the Chamber of Commerce with a view to
securing a reduction of the rents for the 100
days of the mourning.

Prince Tsai Tse has drawn up an estimate of
the expenses of the Liang Kwang, Liang-Kiang,
Hunan and Min-Che Provinces, for the pur-
poses of the reformed Navy next year, and
has presented it to the Prince Regent.

Captain Martyn Webb, Notts and Derby
Regiment, who served with the 1st Battalion at
Hongkong and Singapore, has been appointed
to the Indian Supply and Transport Depart-
ment, and will be seconded whilst so employed.

The Chinese Government has issued new
regulations for the examination of telegrams
with the object of stopping the revolutionaries
from using the telegraph service as they have
hitherto done, for the dissemination of their
ideas.

It has been ascertained, that the upkeep of
the Summer Palace at Peking has cost about
two million taels per annum. As the Empress
Dowager does not desire to occupy the Palace
the Prince Regent has decided to substantially
reduce this expense to the State.

The weekly return by the Medical Officer of
Health of the number of cases of communicable
disease in the Colony shows that during the
week ended the 9th inst. there were two fatal
imported cases of small-pox (Chinese) and one
Chinese case of diphtheria which proved fatal.
The last case of plague occurred on the 30th ult.

The Viceroy of Liang-Kiang, Hunan and
Hupoh. Their Excellencies Tann Fang and
Chen Kwai Leing, have forwarded a memorial
to the Prince Regent on the subject of financial
reform. They propose to institute lotteries in
those Provinces under careful restrictions, but
the Prince Regent has not been pleased with the
propositions.—Chinese Public Opinion.

The Japanese Resident at Seoul has recently
permanently prohibited the publication of a
Japanese paper there, named the *Keijo Shimun*,
on the ground that the paper recently printed
series of articles prejudicial to the relations
between Japan and Korea and injurious to
public order and peace. The paper had been in
existence about two years.

In view of the discovery of plague in rats at
Shanghai, Dr. F. W. Thompson of Hankow
publishes an appeal to the community of Hankow
to undertake a general campaign against rats
throughout the concessions. No trace of plague
has yet been found at Hankow, but in view of
the present existence of rat plague at Shanghai
and the constant steamship communication be-
tween the two ports, Dr. Thompson points out
that the position of Hankow is one of antici-
pation and that prevention is better than cure.

The Prince Regent has decided to reform the
Civil Service of China. New regulations are
being drafted. At a recent conference with the
High Ministers of State the Prince Regent
raised the question of the appointment of the
Viceroy and Governors of the provinces and
His Imperial Highness is reported to have said
that in future careful enquiries should be made
into the age, parentage, character and career of
all candidates for such important posts before
recommending them to the Throne for appoint-
ment.

A remarkable incident took place at the
Supreme Court yesterday. The Chief Justice
had dealt with a number of cases in bankruptcy
and apparently concluding that he had gone
through the file left the bench and the usher
declared the court adjourned. The case of Mr.
Rumjahn, who was in attendance for his public
examination, had apparently escaped his notice,
and the solicitors in court on recovering from
their amazement at the action of his Lordship
saw the humour of the situation and indulged
in hearty laughter.

One of the Koreans who was charged with
complicity in the murder at the San Francisco
of Mr. D. W. Stevens, the Japanese Adviser at
Seoul is reported in the latest San Francisco
papers to have escaped from the city. One of
the papers says:—"The escape of Chun is one of
the most remarkable evasions of justice that has
ever occurred in this city, in that it appears to
have been occasioned by the neglect of the
officers of the law, who for months after his
disappearance have only now discovered that he
is gone." It is ten months now since the murder
was committed.

The chief mourners at the funeral of Sir
Ewen Cameron, for many years London man-
ager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking
Corporation, were Mr. Alan Cameron and Mr.
William (Aronson) (son), and Mr. A. M.
Townsend (brother-in-law). Among the large
number present in the church at Finchley-road,
where the first part of the service was held, were
Lord Alwyne Compton, Sir Thomas Jackson,
Captain T. B. Jackson, Mr. Ewen Cameron
(cousin), Mr. C. Wild, Mr. S. A. Pixley, and
Mr. Howard Gwyther. The body was cremated,
at the Golden's Green crematorium, Hampstead,
and placed in a casket for conveyance to
Inverness where the interment took place.

Boarding a steamer bound for Canton, Det.
Sergt. Vaughan of the Shanghai Municipal
Police, the *Mercury* says, made an important
discovery. He made an inspection of the
vessel and one of the native cabins he
noticed not only locked in the ordinary
manner, but likewise secured with a pad-
lock, and "smelling a rat," he forced an
entrance. Inside he found five or six young
girls in the custody of a man, and having been
led to suspect that something was amiss he had
them all brought ashore. It has since been
learned that these were girls who had been
purchased either in Shanghai or up country,
and it is believed that this discloses only part
of a trade which has been carried on for a con-
siderable time in exporting females to Canton.
The man in charge of the girls has been detained
in custody, and on the return of the vessel to
Shanghai an arrest is expected to be made
among the Chinese staff who are suspected of
complicity in the traffic.

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AUSTRIA AND TURKEY.

COMPENSATION OFFERED FOR BOSNIA
AND HERZEGOVINA.

LONDON, January 10th.

It is reported from Constantinople
that Markgraf von Pallavicini, the
Austrian Ambassador to Turkey, has
been freshly instructed to offer to the
Porte two and a half million Turkish
pounds as compensation for Bosnia
and Herzegovina.

The "Fremdenblatt," the semi-
official journal of Vienna, says the
amount of the compensation offered is
not open to discussion, and it expects
that Turkey will gladly accept it,
instead of wrangling over the claims
and counterclaims which in the end
would prove unprofitable to Turkey.

Official circles in Constantinople
regard the proposal favourably and
appear confident that the negotiations
will now succeed.

**CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT
ROOSEVELT.**

LONDON, January 11th.

The struggle between President
Roosevelt and Congress is of the
liveliest description.

It is announced that henceforth
Congress will rigidly scrutinise the
suitability of all President Roosevelt's
nominees for Office.

THE YUVARAJAH OF MYSORE.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Awa Maru* with His
Highness the Yuvrajah of Mysore and his
suite on board arrived early yesterday morning.
When the vessel dropped anchor in the harbour,
Captain Mitchell-Taylor, A.D.C., boarded her to
welcome His Highness on behalf of H. E.
the Governor. His Highness paid an official visit
to His Excellency the Governor, who invited
him to dinner. The Yuvrajah, however,
declined the honour, caste preventing his
acceptance of the invitation. His Excellency
much regretted that he could not accommodate
the visitor at Government House, owing to the
serious illness of Lady Lugard.

In the afternoon, however, the Yuvrajah
was pleased to pay a visit to Sir Paul Chater's
residence to inspect that gentleman's valuable
collection of Chinese porcelain. He was
accompanied on this visit by Miss Henniker and
Captain Mitchell-Taylor, and later the same
guides took him for a tram ride as far as
Shanklin, the object of the trip being to show
the guest some of the sights of the city.

LADY LUGARD.

It is with pleasure that we are able to an-
nounce another slight improvement in the
condition of Lady Lugard. Her Ladyship is,
however, very weak, and will probably be con-
fined to her bed for the next three weeks.

**A BRITISH ADMIRAL ON INVASION
POSSIBILITIES.**

A remarkable statement was made recently by
a British Admiral. Speaking at Dover,
Vice Admiral Funniss, said: "I stand as an
Admiral on the active list, and have no hesitation
in saying the Service has never been in the state
for efficiency and fighting as it is at the present
moment. Four years ago we used to have a
good deal of firing at 4,000 yards, making 50
per cent. of hits steaming from twelve to fifteen
knots. Last year, when I had to go out with
ship after ship it was simply astounding. At seven
and eight thousand yards the percentage of hits
was 65. I would like to say one word about in-
vasion. I am certainly not one of those naval officers
who say this is not possible—I mean by invasion
a raid. I believe it is possible with the biggest
fleet going. During the manoeuvres, by a great
stroke of luck, as commander-in-chief of the
North Coast without seeing a British ship—a
raft entirely due to fog. I do hope while this
talk is going on about the Service everyone will
put their shoulder to the wheel, and determine
to have our sister Service kept up. As a naval
officer, I speak strongly on the subject. The
Army cannot do without the Navy, or the Navy
without the Army. I should like to see every
man from the age of 15 to 25 serve his country
for two years.

Referring to the article which we recently
reproduced from a London contemporary on the
growing popularity of China tea, a Colombo
contemporary says:—"As those in the know are
well aware, China tea is given a fresh impetus
in the U.K. when the price of common Ceylon
and Indian tea goes up. This is inevitable. We
do not see anything more in the 'boom'.
This is borne out, too, by a diagram before us
showing the deliveries of China tea for home
consumption with relation to the quotation for
good ordinary Indian and Ceylon pekoe souong
during the last ten years. The only year in
which the deliveries of China tea did not fully
respond, to the advance in the British-grown
common tea price was last year. If the China
tea imports prove to be considerably higher this
year it will be because it was making up for
coming more slowly than usual."

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

DISSATISFACTION IN SHANGHAI.

Our Canton correspondent writes:—
There has been much dissatisfaction amongst
the shareholders of the Canton-Hankow Railway
Company. They have formed an association
called the Yent-Han Railway Rescues Society.
This Society has recently had several hold-
meetings in Chang Men (Chang Gardens)
at which the members, claiming to repre-
sent 300,000 shares, have denounced the
management of affairs by the Company's Head
Office here. They also complained that the
Company had threatened to confiscate their
shares without giving them due and proper
notice. The Society has recently addressed a
long letter and sent many telegrams to the
President and Directors of the Company stating
that up to the present time the Company had
only furnished the Shanghai shareholders with
reports showing the total receipts and payments
during the 32nd and 33rd years of Kwong
Su, and nothing whatever had been mentioned
in those reports as to the actual amount
of work done, how many miles of railway have
been completed, the cost of construction per mile,
the value of rolling stock, materials, &c. unused,
value of land purchased, the amount of cash on
hand, when they expect to complete the line and
no profit and loss account has been
issued of the line now working. The
Shanghai shareholders say that they have
noticed in the newspapers on several occa-
sions that the Central Government has been
urging that investigation be made into the
financial condition of the Company and it is quite
apparent that it is the intention of the Govern-
ment to obtain foreign loans and itself construct
the line. Great apprehension exists amongst
the Shanghai shareholders that such steps may
be taken, and they blame the Company for it.
They now demand that the Company shall supply
them with full information before they pay in
the money due on the second instalment, and
they point out that the shares are now only
worth 40 per cent. of their original value, and
that, if they were to pay in the \$150 due on the
second instalment of each share, out of every
dollar they pay in, they would get back only 40
cents, if they were to realize their shares in the
market the following day.

In conclusion the Shanghai shareholders
request the Company to cable them the particu-
lars they ask for, so that they may cause the
real position of affairs to be made known to the
public and allay the anxiety of all the share-
holders who, they say, are "now at sea in a boat
facing a typhoon and crying."

The last telegram sent by Sir Chan Tung
Liang Shing to the Association in Shanghai a
few days ago ran as follows:—
"Contents of your (last) telegram noted. I
note that you are paying great attention to this
matter. Many false telegrams are in circulation
concerning affairs of the railway. I advise you
that it is not safe to place too much reliance on
such telegrams. My reply is on its way to
Shanghai. I have collected over \$8,000,000 due
on second instalment. You can ease your mind
regarding the construction of trunk line."
(Signed) SHING.

BURGLARY AT MADAME FLINT'S.

Now that Chinese New Year is so close at
hand it behoves residents to see to the
security of their premises, for the Chinese
thief is very busy at present. Another
burglary has to be added to the long list
which has been chronicled of late, and the
robbers would have made a substantial haul
had not the police arrived on the scene at the
opportune moment. At about three o'clock yester-
day morning an Indian Police Sergeant, No.
576, was patrolling Queen's Road Central, he ob-
served two natives coming out of Madame Flint's
military establishment. When the men saw
him they attempted to escape, but the Sergeant
secured one of them and blowing his whistle
another Indian constable appeared on the scene
and the second fugitive was captured. The
police then returned to Madame Flint's
shop, and there, after a search, found a
third man concealed behind a dresser and he also
was arrested. The thieves had evidently been
on the premises for sometime for the
show cases were riddled of all their finery which
was tied up in bundles ready for removal.
Even her large assortment of ladies hats of the
latest fashion was not overlooked by the bur-
glars, who had found time to remove all the
costly trimmings therefrom. The opportune
arrival of the police, however, saved Madame
Flint stock to the value of over \$900, for there
can be no doubt that if the thieves had got away
clear with the articles they had packed up, a
quantity of the stolen property would not have
been recovered.

The three men arrested were charged before
Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday,
and the hearing of the case was adjourned.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. str. *Malta* left Singapore for
this port on the 10th inst. at 10 a.m.
The American & Manchurian Line steamer
Koranga left Singapore on Friday the 8th inst.,
and is due here on or about Friday the 15th
inst. a.m.
The Danish str. *Siam* left Shanghai on the
11th inst. at noon, and may be expected here on
or about Friday the 15th inst. a.m.
The Apsar str. *Apsar* from Yokohama,
Kobe and Moji left Moji on morning the 11th
inst., and may be expected here on or about 16th
inst. morning.
The M.M. str. *Polynesien* with the French
Mail of the 20th ult., and mail from London of
the 19th ult., left Singapore on Monday the
11th inst. at 4.30 p.m., and may be expected
to arrive here on Monday morning the 18th
inst., and will leave for Shanghai and Japan on
the same afternoon.
The C.P.R. str. *Empress of India* arrived
Vancouver on Saturday the 9th inst.
The N.Y.K. str. *Yawata Maru* (Australian
Line) left Thursday Island for this port via
Manila on the 7th inst., and is expected here
on the 16th inst.

**HEAVY SENTENCES ON
STOWAWAYS.**

The twenty Chinese who stowed away on
board the s.s. *Eastern* before she left Hongkong
on her last voyage south, and who were
discovered on board at Sydney, the majority
with loathsome eruptions on the face and hands,
were charged before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the
Magistracy yesterday, and pleaded guilty.

Mr. H. G. C. Bailey (of Messrs. Johnson,
Stokes and Master) appeared for the prosecu-
tion, and Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro (of Messrs.
Goldring, Barlow and Morrell) appeared for the
seventeenth defendant.

Mr. d'Almada informed his Worship that the
uncle of his client had arranged with a steward
on board the *Eastern* to get the defendant a
passage to Australia. The uncle paid to the
steward, in the presence of the defendant, \$150,
and as soon as the defendant went on board he
was put in the hold. Mr. d'Almada understood
that the steward and the cook had since left the
ship, and that the police were now in search of
them.

His Worship—Where were the stowaways
found?

Mr. Bailey—In the No. 1 hold when the
vessel arrived at Sydney.

His Worship—In what part?

Mr. Bailey—Right down at the bottom; as
far down as they could get. As your Worship
knows, this is a most serious affair for shipping
companies. If these men had got ashore it
would have cost the E. and A. Company \$2,000
sterling, but luckily they were found and
brought back. This stowaway business is get-
ting more common every day, and I would ask
your Worship to inflict the heaviest penalty,
namely, nine months' imprisonment, and impose
a fine. I understand they have got a consider-
able amount of money.

Mr. d'Almada—I am prepared to prove that
No. 17 had actually paid his money.

His Worship—They don't deny that.

Mr. Bailey—With regard to my friend's
client, if your Worship requires further evidence
I would ask for a remand. As my friend
admits, he was not on board with the permission
of the agents.

His Worship—Who found these men?

Mr. Bailey—They were found by the Customs
and the ship's crew at Sydney.

Mr. d'Almada—It is obvious that they
could not have hidden themselves without the
assistance of somebody, consequently they are
not guilty in the first degree.

Mr. Bailey—In a case in connection with the
C. P. R. Mr. Hazeldan inflicted the full penalty.

His Worship—But the stowaways found on
the *Alidam* were not prosecuted.

Mr. Bailey—I understand they paid their
passages.

His Worship—I cannot quite reconcile the
attitude adopted by the Shipping Company. I
cannot understand why they should ask for the
maximum penalty in one case and not prosecute
in another.

Mr. Bailey—I understand that in the
Alidam case the passages were paid.

His Worship—I daresay a good many of these
men would be willing to pay their passages.

Mr. Bailey—They are stowaways, and I would
ask for the full penalty.

Mr. d'Almada—I think, on the other hand, the
officers of the ship were rather negligent in not
keeping a better lookout.

Mr. Bailey—Since this case the Commonwealth
has passed special legislation with regard to
stowaways.

Mr. d'Almada—If the ship had been better
watched, none of these men would have got away.

Mr. Bailey—Unless the full penalty is inflicted,
it pays the Chinese to go trying to get men
in. Formerly the shipping companies were fined
£100 if a man was landed; now they are fined
£100 for each man found on the ship.

His Worship—I am quite prepared in these
cases to inflict heavy penalties if I am satisfied
the shipping companies will prosecute, but if
they prosecute in one case and fail to do so in
another, it is hardly fair.

Mr. Bailey—I know nothing about the
Alidam case, but I take it the Company had
very good grounds for not prosecuting.

Mr. d'Almada—I would ask your Worship
to take into consideration the fact of the Company
not having kept a proper watch before the ship
left.

Mr. Bailey—The ship was searched two or
three times.

Mr. d'Almada—And I would ask your Worship
to seriously consider the fact that the defendants
were not responsible in the first degree.

His Worship sentenced each of the defendants
to nine months' imprisonment with hard labour.

TRUCK COOLIES' INCARCERATION.

A curious story was told to Mr. J. R. Wood
at the Magistracy yesterday when a native and
his wife, who reside on the second floor of 26,
Albany Street, Wanchai, were placed before his
Worship on a charge of assault. A coolie, it
appears, was pushing a truck along one of the
lanes running off the Praya East. In front of
him a number of small boys were gambling on
the road. As he approached them he halted
them to make way, and the youngsters, grabbing
their cash, got off the road, only to return and
proceed with the game before he had passed. One
of the boys, in grabbing for a cash, got his
hand run over with a wheel of the truck and
went home wailing to his parents. The coolie,
on the following morning was enticed to the
house of the defendants who locked him up and
told him they would not liberate him until he
paid them \$30. After some delay the cool

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SHANGHAI	"WOSANG"	Wed'day, 13th Jan., Noon.
SHANGHAI	"CHIPSANG"	Thursday, 14th Jan., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Friday, 15th Jan., Noon.
MANILA	"YUNSAUNG"	Friday, 15th Jan., 4 P.M.
KOBE	"AMARA"	Friday, 15th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Friday, 15th Jan., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG"	Tuesday, 19th Jan., Noon.
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 January—Swatow 31st December, Ballas
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 Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
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**HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL
REGISTER.**

Hongkong Observatory, January 11th.			
	Previous Day at 6 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.08	30.16	30.00

Barometer	30.00	30.10	30.00
Temperature	85	84	84
Humidity	79	86	84
Wind Direction	E	E	E
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STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.
December 19th—Ganges, Idomenews, Glen
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 Colombo Maru. Patroclus. 6th—Norman
 Prince, Vormaerts, Wray Castle. Bengloeese
 Bombay Maru, Canton, Oopack, Polyphemus
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 Maru, Tamba Maru, Prinz Reuent Luitbold

ARRIVALS AT HOME.
Jan. 8th—*Kintuck, Shimosa.*

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Box Kamegawa, from Singapore. Mr. Lilharde

Per *Loongseang*, from Manila, Mr and Mrs
Lethem, Messrs Campbell, Sagene & Studier
Per *Tango Maru*, from Japan, &c., Miss S
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Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1909. [1]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 14th Jan., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th Jan., at 9.30 A.M.
All Claims must reach us before the 15th Jan., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELBOURNE & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1909. [5]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"CAERI."

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All Claims must be sent to the Office of the undersigned before Noon on the 16th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All Claims will be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 15th inst., at 9.30 A.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1909. [4]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENLARIQ,"
FROM MIDDLESBRO', ANTWERP,
LONDON AND STRAITS.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th January, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 23rd January, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 16th January, at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1909. [161]

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "INVERIC,"
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-
HAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND
MANILA.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from the Godowns.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1909. [8]

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

HARDENED TANTALUM—THE UNTHINKABLE—ARTIFICIAL MARBLE—CHANGING THE BLOOD'S CIRCULATION—GAS FOR SMALL PLACES—THE GUN FIRED WITHOUT POWDER—A FILE THAT PLANES.

Tantalum, one of the rare metals now being brought into use has many resemblances to iron, and one of these is the hardness given by a small addition of carbon. Other substances also—like aluminium, tin and titanium—have a similar effect. According to a patent of W. von Bolton, of Charlottenburg, the added substance may vary in proportion up to one per cent or more, but with carbon a small fraction of one per cent imparts great hardness and resistance, and with increase the metal becomes brittle. With a trace of carbon, the tantalum has the hardness and tensile strength best adapted for the wire, while a little more carbon imparts the greater hardness—though with some brittleness—needed for tools for working wood, metal and stone. A British patent by Siemens and Halske covers a process of hardening by varying small additions of oxygen, and the products range from a workable metal of much increased hardness and brittleness to a metal too hard to work, but having very slight brittleness.

The topographic compass included with the apparatus of Dr. Charcot's Antarctic expedition is a novel instrument, the invention of Alphonse Berget, with which bearings can be determined accurately at a glance. A copper box, containing a mirror perforated with a peep-hole, is mounted a few inches above a little compass. On looking through the peep-hole, the mirror shows the compass-card, the precise direction of the object in sight being indicated by the index.

The human mind has limitations. An astronomer argues that space beyond our universe must contain other vast universes because an absolute void is inconceivable. But who can conceive of an infinite space filled with an infinity of universes?

A marble like material declared to be a great advance over other artificial stone is now made from the waste slag of blast-furnaces mixed with a little lime. The slag is crushed and powdered, one-seventh part of quicklime is added, and the mass, made into a paste with water, is pressed into molds of metal. The blocks so formed on drying, have the consistency of chalk. They are placed in iron cylinders, from which the air is pumped out and then replaced with carbonic acid, and after a few days in this gas the hydrate of lime becomes recarbonated, binding the mass into a rock of great hardness. The finished stone takes a high polish. It has been made to serve as an excellent imitation of the best lithographic stone, and with suitable colouring matters it gives a variety of fine marbles.

To save a leg by making the veins do duty as arteries is the remarkable feat a professor of surgery at Constantinople has attempted, with at least temporary success. Gangrene of the limbs as a result of closing of the arteries in old age or disease is common in the East, and amputation has been the only resource. A means of avoiding this desperate remedy has been suggested by the fact that the veins are much less affected than the arteries. Greatly alarmed by the burning symptoms in his left leg, a patient whose right foot had been amputated on account of gangrene appealed to the surgeon for help, and offered to take the only chance of keeping his leg by becoming the subject of a hitherto untried experiment. The arteries of the leg were successfully joined to the veins of the foot. Healing promptly followed the operation, the blood circulated through the veins, the foot regained its warmth and in the weeks since all symptoms of disease disappeared.

That rainy winds have a marked effect in consumption has been proven by 20 years of observation Dartmoor and North Devon England. The death-rate from this disease is much less in the sheltered places than in exposed localities.

The liquid gas of Hermann Blau is now used by several German villages, and is claimed to solve the problem of a cheap, efficient and perfectly safe method of lighting the smallest villages by gas. In manufacturing the material oil is distilled at a temperature lower than that by which gas is produced from coal. The by-products, are saved, and the cleansed gas is compressed in cylinders, becoming liquefied, when the necessary hydrogen, methane and carbon monoxide are forced into the cylinders, and dissolve in the liquid. On release of pressure, volatilization yields a mixed gas that burns with great brilliancy. The cylinders vary in capacity from a single pound—supplying lighting material for a bonfire or camping expedition—to a quantity sufficient for large country estates for weeks, a container of medium size carrying gas enough to light a small villa two months. The full cylinders—easily changed when emptied—pre placed outside the building, the gas passing to the piping of the house through a tank regulating the pressure. In villages a small building is provided for the cylinders, and small mains distribute the gas.

The idea of the mechanical powderless gun was given by the bursting of a fly-wheel. In the gun, the bullets of lead or steel are poured into a hopper over a large revolving wheel, and the centrifugal force hurls the balls from the rim of the wheel through the barrel of the gun with tremendous velocity. The gun is made of brass, resembling a meat-chopper in appearance. It is believed that a wheel driven by a 50-horse-power electric motor can discharge something like 50,000 shots per minute, and great accuracy of fire is claimed.

The circular-cut file is found to act like a hand planing tool instead of an ordinary file, and is claimed to cut two or three times as fast as a common file, and wears longer. The new file has been tested in French shops about two years.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. in their weekly share list, dated Hongkong, 9th January, 1909, states:—A fair amount of business has been done during the week, and under review, but rates have not changed much. The sterling demand rate of exchange on London closes at 1s. 9½d., while rates on Shanghai are Tls. 75½ for a Bank T/T, and Tls. 75¼ for a three days' sight Private Bill, the rate in Shanghai on this for a three days' sight Private Draft being Tls. 75. Bankers in London have advanced to £23½d., and Consols are quoted 283½. The Bank of England's rate of discount is 2½ per cent, while the private market rate of discount is 2½ per cent.

BANK SHARES.—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares changed hands at \$840, \$820 and \$840 for cash, also at \$840 for end of the month, the market closing steadily at \$840 for cash; the London rate is £22. 10s. 0d. Nationals have buyers at \$51.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—Unions are easier, and shares sold at \$835, \$130 and \$825, closing with buyers at \$825, and sellers at \$830.

North China are in demand at Tls. 104, and Yangtze are quoted \$170, in sympathy with a Shanghai quotation of \$175. China Traders and Cantons are unchanged.

FIRE INSURANCE SHARES.—Hongkong continue on offer at \$325. Chinas sold at \$106, but there are further sellers.

SHIPPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have been done at \$29½, at which figure there are further buyers. Indo-China are unchanged, here, as well as Shanghai and London, and China and India, Star Lines, as well as Douglas are unchanged. Shell Transports, in sympathy with a fall in the London rate to 45s. 6d. sellers, have local buyers at 45s. 3d. The 2nd interim dividend of 1s. per share (coupon No. 11), paid in London on 2nd instant. Union Waterboats have been fixed at \$10.

REFINERIES.—Unchanged and without sales.

MINING SHARES.—Charbonnages are in request at \$595. Rauba ceased doing any business in the early part of the week, and as low as \$74 has been accepted for shares; the market, however, has taken a sudden turn, and at the close \$83 has been paid, at which figure shares are obtainable. Chinese Engineering and Mining Company's shares are quiet at Tls. 17.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.—After a long spell of inactivity, Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have come into sudden demand, and a fair number of shares have been taken off the market at \$90, at which figure there are further buyers. Shanghai Docks have also improved in tone, and at Tls. 77½ has been paid in the north, or the interim dividend of Tls. 24 per share, paid on 4th instant; the closing rate in Tls. 78, sellers. Fenwick's, as well as Amoy Docks, are unchanged. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have been done at \$45 to \$46, the market closing with buyers at \$45½, and sellers at \$46. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves, after dropping in the north to Tls. 135, have been done since at Tls. 137½; a local sale at Tls. 135 is reported.

LANDS, HOMES, &c.—Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co.'s shares sold at \$92, \$91½ and \$91, closing with buyers at \$91½. Hongkong Hotels have enquiries at \$85. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and no sales have been reported. The Shanghai Land Investment Company calls for applications for an issue of Tls. 750,000 six per cent. debentures, redeemable on and after 1st January, 1914, at the option of the Company on giving six months' notice.

COTTON MILLS.—Shanghai quotes: Ewo's Tls. 73 buyers, International Tls. 67½ buyers, Leon Kung Mow's Tls. 71 buyers, and Soeychees Tls. 280 buyers. Hongkong Cottons are unchanged.

SUNDRY MANUFACTURING COMPANIES.—Bell's Asbestos have improved to buyers at \$84. Green Island Cement shares sold \$98 to \$97, closing with sellers at \$98. Ropes fetched \$24, and are firm at that rate. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and without transactions.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China. Borneo. found buyers at \$11. China Providents sold at \$10 and \$9.85 and are in demand at \$9½. Langkats have buyers in the north at Tls. 85½. South China Morning Post shares are wanted at \$24. Watsons are steady at \$94. In other stocks under this heading nothing has been done, and rates are the same as given last.

FOREIGN TRADE OF JAPAN FOR 1908.

A HEAVY DECLINE.

In a brief review of the foreign trade of the Empire for the year just closed the *Osaka Mainichi* says that, owing to the financial depression prevailing throughout the world, the foreign trade of all countries has shown a decrease more or less. The financial crisis and the Presidential election in the United States, the boycott of Japanese goods in South China, and the death of the Emperor and Empress Dowager of China have seriously affected the foreign trade of Japan. The value of the trade for the last ten days of the year is not yet known, but assuming it to be 50 per cent. of the figures for the preceding ten days, the total value of exports this year will amount to ¥362,464,831 and that of imports to ¥432,730,180, showing an excess of ¥70,265,349 in imports over exports. Compared with last year, the exports showed a decrease of ¥69,948,042 and the imports of ¥61,737,166, or an aggregate decrease in the total trade of ¥131,685,208.

The *Japan Chronicle* in a leading article on the subject of the world-wide trade depression says incidentally that the financial depression of the effect of the world depression in trade has been very serious in the case of Japan. Coming at a critical period, when the country was in the first stage of recouping the losses suffered by the war, its effects have been crippling. Compared with 1907, foreign trade has fallen off by about 130 million yen, reducing overseas trade to about the level of 1905, the year after the war. This has naturally had its effect on internal trade, which is seriously burdened by the high tax necessary to pay for the loss, and is further hampered by the high price of commodities thus produced. It seems to be the universal opinion that not for years past has such a depression been evident in the internal trade of the country as during the last few months. Some of the retail dealers assert that in the whole course of their experience they have not seen such a disinclination to purchase, at this season of the year—a sure sign of hard times. Very many people are out of employment and are being supported by relatives; there is an increasing tendency to reduce the number of operatives in large establishments, while many smaller works have closed up entirely, and in the larger towns there are thousands of empty tenements to be seen, more people being crowded into the houses that remain in order to reduce the outlay for rent. It is probable that as Japan has more recently entered the field of industrialism she has less reserve and is more readily affected, while the persistent following of a policy which raises the price of commodities inevitably intensifies the distress. It may be hoped, however, that the general causes which have affected trade all over the

world will gradually cease to operate. During the past year there has been a steady improvement in the conditions in America, and, though not so rapid or so extensive as was hoped, it may be expected to continue. This has already favourably affected one section of Japanese trade in improving the market for silk, and generally tends to arouse confidence. If the silver market were to improve, or even to steady, another branch of Japanese commerce would receive a fillip. Moreover, the depression of the past year has no doubt removed a good deal of rotten business, and this will tend to the strengthening of those concerns that have stood the strain. In many quarters it is confidently anticipated that when business resumes after the holidays there will be a brighter outlook than has been evident throughout the last few months, and it may be hoped that experience will show the confidence to be justified.

THE NEW CHINESE CURRENCY PROPOSITION.

Chinese Public Opinion writes on this subject as follows:

We note that the subject of a gold standard for China has again been brought forward by Government presumably on account of some proposition made by an influential official. In our last issue we published a paragraph—entirely correct in which it was stated that "The Ministers abroad should be wired to and ordered to negotiate with various nations to settle a proportionate valuation between their own and Chinese currency. A basis is suggested that 15 pieces of Chinese half-tael coins should equal one pound sterling."

Now this would be a very excellent arrangement for China but unfortunately in the present state of the world it is the custom of states as well as individuals, when asked to grant a favour, to look for a *quid pro quo*.

The proposition as put forward does not seem to provide for this nor does it offer any security that the half-tael coins of China, which by the way are not yet in existence, will be of high grade silver approximating to the value suggested and leaving a margin for further possible depreciation of the white metal *via a via* the yellow. Of course if China kept a gold reserve, even in bullion only, sufficient to redeem her silver tael currency to the extent of say, two-thirds, and gave sufficient guarantees that she would redeem it, on demand, the proposition would be accepted *instanter*.

Silver at present is much depreciated in value but it is by no means certain that it has yet touched "bottom." We remember hearing some years ago, that in certain parts of the world excellent silver could be produced as low as one shilling and two pence per ounce. We have also heard of tailings containing much silver, from certain mines, being thrown aside as not worth the trouble of extracting the precious metal therefrom. We have also heard that hundreds of rich mines in various parts of the world, more especially in Central America, are shut down as it was not worth while extracting the tons of silver in sight while there was such a surplus of the metal in circulation. We were also informed that if all the silver mines in the world were worked at full pressure the metal would probably become more plentiful and cheaper than copper.

We do not know whether all or any of this information is true but we cannot fail to perceive that whenever any demand for silver springs up a plentiful supply is invariably to hand very speedily.

How then can the proposition as mooted be put before foreign nations? Silver, at present, rates low. China institutes a demand in order to mint sufficient currency of a uniform nature for her vast dominions. The supply being plentiful an increase of output will take place if this demand raises the price of the metal, either owing to the attitude of speculative holders or the demand for excessive quantity on gold delivery. The new currency, being digested and the demand having ceased, a surplus of silver will then be found in the market and further slump will be the necessary corollary.

The Foreign nations, having agreed to accept China's half-tael coins at a valuation of fifteen to the pound will soon be flooded with such currency and will have no means of obtaining repayment in their own sterling basis for the coins. Will any sensible Foreign Power take such a risk?

No!

The proposition as put forward is absurd!

Now, the question of the introduction of a gold standard into China, on a rational basis. Suppose we estimate the currency needs of the Empire at Tael five per head of the population. This will give us the necessity of purchasing or obtaining by degrees from current revenues Provincial and Imperial, a sum of two billions of Taels, in silver, for coinage purposes. In addition to this, for the purpose of facilitating transport, and merely considered as a medium of exchange, we require half this amount in paper currency. This will give us the very moderate capital currency of three billions of Taels. In order to put this currency on a gold standard basis, its value, estimating eight Taels to the pound sterling, would be three hundred and seventy-five million pounds. A gold reserve of at least half this would be required, or say even one hundred and fifty million pounds worth of gold sycee.

Will we then have taken the currency necessities of the country at less than one English pound the most stable standard in the world, per head of the population. In Great Britain, one of the richest countries in the world the metallic currency is about Twelve million pounds, in addition to this, for the purpose of facilitating transport, and merely considered as a medium of exchange, we require half this amount in paper currency. This will give us the very moderate capital currency of three billions of Taels. In order to put this currency on a gold standard basis, its value, estimating eight Taels to the pound sterling, would be three hundred and seventy-five million pounds. A gold reserve of at least half this would be required, or say even one hundred and fifty million pounds worth of gold sycee.

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Of course one can make the exception that the Chinese as a nation are not as wealthy individually, and do not need therefore, so large a quantity of currency in proportion with the British. This we are willing to concede, but we would point out that we have estimated so far at practically half of the British equivalent.

To clinch our argument, however, we are prepared to still further reduce China's estimated requirements in gold for reserve purposes, retaining our figures in proportion, for metallic and paper currency, by dividing them by ten. This will leave to China the necessity of finding a gold reserve in hard metal of thirty seven and a half millions of pounds sterling. Where can she raise this sum?

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RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

Aye, it is quite true. The weather is man's conversational god. Everywhere during the week we heard little else but growls about the weather, and even the folks up top-side did not appreciate the mist which hid them from the vulgar gaze. That reminds me, that somebody "wot knows" has predicted that we are in for two months of the weather we sampled last week for four days. In other words we are likely to have plenty of rain instead of the cold crisp weather which we expect at this season. That looks as if we shall have greater use for waterproofs than overcoats.

Few of us realised that Lady Lugard was so ill as she has been, and it was with something like a shock that we read His Excellency's statement that his wife had been dangerously ill and was still in a serious condition. Fortunately later news is more hopeful and I am sure it is no mean platitude when I say we all wish her a speedy recovery.

So we are to lose Mr. Brackenbury very soon. He leaves for Central Africa on the 23rd instant. If he makes as great a name for himself as his uncle, Sir Frederick, [did] in Africa his promotion will be assured.

The American Baseball players returned from Manila on Friday and left for the United States the next day. They go home with interesting views on sport in the Orient, and I have no doubt the inevitable interviewers at San Francisco will obtain some good "copy." I can, however, anticipate their comments on cricket at Hongkong. "Say," said one of the visitors the other day, "Cricket is a great game in Hongkong, isn't it? Why the only bally fellow on the ground who does anything at all is the bar boy! Why, I guess and calculate that in the States—" "Don't spoil it with any further comment," interrupted one of the listeners.

Sport with the professional baseball in the States is an excessively serious business. I understand that no member of the team which came out on this picnic earns less than \$500 a month during the baseball season, and some of them receive over \$1,000.

After the unsatisfactory debates in the Legislative Council and Sanitary Board it was interesting to notice an old Chinese woman (who appeared to have solved the problem of the hour), draw a small bottle from the folds of her dress and spat into it. On enquiry I ascertained from the old dame that she had adopted this means some years ago on being informed that she was suffering from phthisis. I do not offer this as a solution of the spitting nuisance, but it struck me that it would result in benefit to the community if the public dispensary could persuade those phthisical patients who receive treatment at their hands to refrain from spitting in the streets and use a small bottle instead. It certainly is a new use for the bottle.

What a surprising success the Corinthian Yacht Club have made of their concern! It looks as if they are going to eclipse the older club. The inauguration of the new one design "Hayward Hays" has been a huge success and will no doubt give a fillip to yachting in these waters. Lord Dudley, at the opening cruise of the Australian Yacht Club, remarked that the secret of most yachting clubs' success was one design classes and his opinion is borne out in this Colony. Unless the Royal Hongkong Club adopts this or some other scheme to waken up their members the new pavilion is likely, to become something of a white elephant.

Imagine a meeting of missionaries being asked to sing "Oh, Gold, our help in ages past." Although it may be quite true, we do not associate such exhortation with our missionary friends; yet the incident, I am told, is one of those things not mentioned by the press which happened at a recent college function. Doubtless they will not risk receiving such a shock again at the hands of their Chinese typists.

At one of those missionary meetings of which I have been speaking the visitors were handed a long sheet of paper printed in Chinese. Apparently it set forth the objects of the meeting, and to most of those present it was unintelligible. Still it was not altogether useless, for after holding one up to her nose and the other stretched out at arm's length, a lady turned to a friend and exclaimed "Why, it is a yard long." She seemed quite pleased that she had found a new measure.

Although the Hongkong Football Club is to some extent overshadowed by the League at present, there is no doubt that it still stands for sport. What more magnanimous action could one have wished than the courteous adopted in handing over the cup presented by Mrs. David to the shield committee to be awarded the runners up. I hope they will continue to give the lead in sporting circles.

Hongkong knows something of the walking craze round the island and will therefore be able to appreciate the following comment taken from a Peking paper. This correspondent writes—"I have read a paragraph in your issue of the 21st Dec. to the effect that 'a gentleman connected with a local firm of brokers walked round the Island of Peking yesterday in rather less than sixteen hours. I have been trying to think it out and it worries me a good deal. Why did he walk round the Island in rather less than sixteen hours? As it was an Island he was walking around he had to come back to the same place as he started from, hadn't he? then why did he not stop where he was for the sixteen hours? A friend of mine suggests that somebody he had sold shares to was chasing him, or that his wife was out playing bridge and he was dummy. Another man says perhaps he had forgotten

where he had left his cigarette case and was out looking for it. My wife says that if one walks round in a circle, it is impossible to remember the exact spot on the circle you started from, and that is why he did it. Will you please let me know the real reason so that I can get to sleep again."

RODERICK RANDOM.

SPORT AND PASTIME.

FOOTBALL.

A Soccer game was played on the Parade Ground on Saturday at 3.30 p.m. between the Happy Valley Juniors and the St. John's Cathedral Boys. It was a poor game from a football point of view, as the Happy Valley Boys outclassed the St. John's and ran home winners by no less than 16 to 0. For the winners Hoskins, scoring 8, and young Goldenberg 4, played by far the best game. Brett and Reardon did best for the St. John's.

H.K.F.C. v. ROYAL ENGINEERS.
The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club v. the Royal Engineers to-day on the Club ground at Happy Valley, kick off at 5 o'clock—F. H. Kew; A. Hamilton and J. McCubbin; J. Hall, K. L. Barlow and A. Gregory; W. H. Williams, W. Weston, A. N. Other, R. R. Turner and J. H. Mead.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

Four matches have been arranged for Saturday. They are:—
H.K.C.C. "A" v. Telegraphs.
Craigengower v. R.E.
H.K.C.C. "B" v. Kowloon.
Civil Service v. E.G.A.

BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

The much talked-of match between Mr. E. H. Hinds and Sergeant Pitt, the two foremost billiard players of the Colony, took place in St. George's Hall last night before a very large attendance. The players were introduced to the audience by Mr. A. S. Shelton Hooper, who took the opportunity of thanking the promoters for affording those present a pleasant evening. The game was 1000 up, and a start was made by Hinds, who gave the usual miss in baulk. Pitt followed with a fluky three, and then scoring proceeded slowly until well on in the hundred. The first century was recorded by Hinds, who passed into his second with a 32 break. A 17 break saw Pitt past the first mile stone, and this was followed up by a score of 42, for which he was roundly applauded. Hinds succeeded with the good break of 63, scored off a lucky pot, and then he settled down to steady play, rapidly adding to his total with breaks ranging from 20 to 40 odd. His skilful touch, successful play for position, and accuracy of aim, soon drew him ahead of his opponent who, while playing more difficult strokes, had not the art of keeping the balls together or bringing them where they were wanted with the same skill as Hinds. Pitt also had the appearance of being somewhat nervous, for on several occasions he failed on comparatively easy strokes. Before the interval Hinds had increased his total by breaks of 40, 41 and 42, and the score then stood:—

Hinds 530
Pitt 299

Hinds continued the same consistent play after the interval, registering a break of 40 shortly after the start, and following this up with a 62. Pitt, however, was not showing such good form, his score being increased by small contributions. When the totals stood Hinds 789, Pitt, 457, the latter player began to show up better, while Hinds fell off. Pitt played a steady game and began to gain on his opponent. A 35 break brought him up to the 500 mark, and in the following hundred he made another good break of 42, his game then being spoiled by a kiss driving both balls in baulk. Hinds, however, who brought the balls together with the skill of a conjuror, and who was playing some remarkably clever "follow on" shots, evidently thought it time to finish the game when Pitt got over the 600, and he ran out with a 48 break amid the cheers of the spectators. The scores at the finish were:—

Hinds 1000
Pitt 631

THE BURNS-JOHNSON FIGHT.

The E. and A. s.s. *Eastern*, which arrived here on Sunday, brought news from Thursday Island of the great fight which took place at Sydney on Boxing Day for the world's championship. The information received there stated that Burns was absolutely overmatched and outclassed. He was extremely game, but from the outset had no chance. He tried repeatedly to get in body work, but Johnson was his master at this game, and as the battle proceeded, so the chances of Burns lessened, and the intervention of the police only saved an absolute knockout. Johnson objected to the bandages worn by Burns, and refused to fight until they were removed.

In the first round Burns fell and took a count of eight seconds. Then he arose to again go down. Johnson all through was sound. In the second round the negro absolutely out-punked Burns, who made a hopeless attempt to reach Johnson's face. In round three Burns got in a heavy right on Johnson's jaw, but the subsequent rounds were all in favour of the coloured man, Burns receiving great punishment, and in the thirteenth round retiring to his corner a beaten man. In the fourteenth round Johnson scored with both hands, and Burns staggered and fell, coming up again on the eighth count. Again he fell, and as he struggled up a police officer stepped into the ring and said the fight had gone far enough. Mr. McIntosh, the referee, then declared Johnson the winner amidst the wildest excitement.

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SUPREME COURT.

Monday, January 11th.

IN BANKRUPTCY JURISDICTION.
BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR FRANCIS PROCTOR (CHIEF JUSTICE).

THE ESTATE OF A DISORDERLY HOUSE.

Re Stella Brunfeld, Mr. O. D. Thomson made application for a receiving order. He stated that the liabilities were shown at \$2,200 and the assets at \$2,000. The assets consisted of household furniture and might be easily realised.

His Lordship—What is she?
Mr. Thomson—She is the keeper of a disorderly house at 49 Hollywood Road.

His Lordship—It is hardly worth bankruptcy. There is only a difference of \$200 between assets and liabilities.

Mr. Thomson—She is being pressed by one or two creditors. It is the only way.

His Lordship—I see it is the household furniture.

The application was granted.

A QUESTION OF COMPOSITION.

Re Ho Shui Chai, an application, for approval of composition, Mr. Wakeman, the Official Receiver, stated that the case had been before his Lordship for approval of a scheme of composition, and debtor had asked that the matter might be brought up again.

It was decided that the matter be brought up again.

A QUESTION OF TIME.

In the matter of Chan King, the well known contractor, Mr. Holborrow appeared and asked for further time in order that the debtor might make a statement of his affairs. He believed that he could meet all his liabilities.

Mr. Harston agreed and the time was extended another three weeks.

A DANCING MASTER'S POSITION.

Re J. H. Pidgeon.
His Lordship remarked that there was no statement of liabilities.

Mr. Goldring, who appeared for the debtor, said there was no need for it on a debtor's petition. The usual \$100 had been paid to the Official Receiver.

His Lordship—The usual course is to give the Court some notion as to what the facts are.

Mr. Goldring—Provided enough money was paid to meet the expense the order was usually made.

His Lordship—Oh, no. There should be a statement of liabilities.

Mr. Goldring—I thought that was only in the case of a petitioning creditor.

His Lordship—Provided the court is satisfied.

Mr. Goldring—As your Lordship pleases.

CAPTAIN MITCHELL'S AFFAIRS.

Thomas Alexander Mitchell, master mariner, attended for his public examination in bankruptcy. Mr. Stevenson, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, watched the proceedings on behalf of the debtor and Mr. Grist was present in the interests of Messrs. Ewens and Harston, who were creditors.

Debtor said he was a master mariner in command of the *Fook Sang* and had been captain in the company's service for ten years. His salary was \$37-10 per month. In the statement of his affairs his liabilities were put at \$18,829. He had incurred that amount through a divorce action in the court of Scotland. It hung on for a long time and the liabilities were for lawyers' fees. The claim by John Robert Calver for \$3,812 was the defendant's costs which were given against debtor as the Scottish Court had no jurisdiction out of Scotland. The claim by Taylor and Rorie were the costs of his law lawyers. Of the claim of \$3,500 by Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Company, \$2,000 was money lent to him by the firm while he was going on with the proceedings in Hongkong. The other \$1,500 was a bond which he entered into with Mr. Keswick, that gentleman having advanced the money to assist him in the action taken in the Supreme Court. The claim by Captain Austin for \$1,000 was also in respect of the divorce proceedings. The same applied to the claim for Mr. Vetch for \$500, and the claim of \$8,425 by Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon was in respect of his own costs. He had no assets beyond his pay except a life insurance policy for \$2,000 which he had assigned to Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon. He had only taken out the policy two years. He did so for the purpose of protecting his creditors. He was still keeping up the policy. He assigned it to Mr. Looker by way of a mortgage in order to secure any monies he might be owing Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon and Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company.

His Lordship—They can hardly be described as unsecured creditors.

The Official Receiver—The policy is a new one and has no surrender value at the present time.

His Lordship—It seems to me in the event of the policy being paid the demands on the estate would be cleared.

The Official Receiver—Yes, in the event of his death.

His Lordship—It is a peculiar position.

The Official Receiver—He proposes to ask for adjudication.

His Lordship—If there is a discharge the policy must go. It reverts.

The Official Receiver—He has made a verbal proposal. He asks for adjudication. He asks for adjudication and offers to keep up these premiums on this policy himself.

His Lordship—The difficulty is this. The policy will cover all the liabilities.

Mr. Grist said he appeared for Messrs. Ewens and Harston. He objected very much to the debtor paying the premiums on this policy out of the pockets of the general body of creditors for the benefit of those two secured creditors. He had no right to do so and the policy ought either to be sold or surrendered.

His Lordship—It can't.

Mr. Grist—Then let it lapse. Captain Mitchell has run into a great deal of expense in defending actions that were not worth defending.

His Lordship—From what I know of the affair it is hardly Captain Mitchell's fault.

Mr. Grist—I am not dealing with that particular branch. I refer to the action brought against him to recover costs in the Scotch courts. He ran up expense to my clients of \$700 in unnecessary and frivolous defence. Now he comes and offers to pay \$100 a month. How many years will it take to pay off his liabilities at that rate? I submit Captain Mitchell has not dealt with his creditors in a way that we should have thought he would have. Here is a case where costs are given against him. Instead of consenting to judgment he fights it and runs up a great deal of expense irrespective of the other action in which he would have to pay the whole costs.

His Lordship—It appears to me there is something not quite regular. I do not see how creditors who have an insurance policy in their hands can be described as unsecured.

The Official Receiver—It proves as an unsecured creditor.

His Lordship—They must surrender the policy. It is quite clear that the proceedings at present are irregular. There is a preference of \$100 a month to these two creditors.

The Official Receiver—He is allowed to do as he likes with his salary.

Mr. Grist—Certainly not. He is entitled to sufficient sustenance out of his salary.

Mr. Stevenson said they viewed this question of the mortgage of the insurance policy as of no security whatever. The policy was a new one and had no surrender value. It was only a security in the event of his death. Owing to the fact of Captain Mitchell's precarious life at sea they thought it would be well for the general body of creditors, as also for themselves, if Captain Mitchell took out an insurance policy.

His Lordship—It seems to me you cannot hold it.

Mr. Stevenson—It is not for our individual benefit. It is for the benefit of the general body of creditors. There is a clause in the deed of mortgage that it is for the benefit of the general body of creditors. As to frivolous defence mentioned by Mr. Grist he had not stated the case correctly. We were advised by counsel that the assignment in this case was bad because the consideration mentioned in the deed was not sufficient. The action was practically disregarded.

Mr. Grist—The defendant got a receiving order which was stay of proceedings, otherwise the action would have been proceeded with.

His Lordship—It remains for the creditors to arrange a scheme.

Mr. Grist indicated that he would like to ask the debtor a few questions.

How long have you been in the employ of the company as captain?—Nearly ten years.

And during that time you have been drawing a salary of \$37-10s?—No, the salary varies from the start until ten years.

How much had you when you started first?—£30 a month.

That has gradually risen to the present time?—Yes.

His Lordship—What were the dates of the proceedings in Scotland?—They started in 1906 and concluded in 1906.

For these ten years you have been in receipt of a salary of upwards of £30 a month. I take the ship supplies you with board and lodgings. You have only to supply yourself with clothing?—Yes.

What do you spend generally for clothing? About \$100 a month?—More than that. Clothing, I should say, costs me over \$200 a month.

Your own personal expenses, I mean?—I would put them down at \$200 a month.

How do you spend it?—I don't quite know. I lead a very quiet life. I spend all my spare time on board the steamer. I am a strict teetotaler, but still my expenses go up.

How?—I could not tell you. I call at nine ports on the run from Yokohama to Calcutta. I have expenses in all these ports, and I find that to keep up my position runs me up to \$200 a month.

Are you not making a mistake?—No.

You are at sea four out five days?—Oh, no. How much of your time are you at sea?—Not one half.

Supposing your expenses come to \$200 a month, you can pay \$200 to the Official Receiver?—I have my mother and three sisters at home, and I occasionally send something to them.

Are they dependent upon you?—Not entirely. Are these presents of money included in the \$200 a month?—No, I should say more than \$200 a month.

His Lordship—The other creditors are litigation creditors?

Mr. Grist—They are creditors, and every effort should be made to pay them. No man has a right to live extravagantly when part of the money ought to go to his creditors. What right has a man to make presents when he is a debtor? These creditors have just as much right to be paid as any other.

His Lordship—The man has to keep up his position.

Mr. Grist—He offers \$100 monthly. That is \$1200 a year. It will take him fifteen years to pay off his liabilities. I submit that your Lordship should make an order for him to pay \$200 a month. (To debtor). Do you pay the premiums every month?—No, every quarter.

Since this petition you have paid one or two premiums?—Two or three.

Mr. Grist—That should not be. If they have taken up this policy they must keep up the premiums themselves. It should not be taken out of the estate.

His Lordship—The policy covers the whole of the debts.

Mr. Grist—Yes.

His Lordship—It meets the claims of all the creditors.

Mr. Grist—No, my Lord. There is no mention of the other creditors. After payment is made to Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, and Jardine, Matheson and Co. the balance goes back.

His Lordship—If the assignment is for the general body of creditors there is no very great objection.

Mr. Grist—If the assignee will transfer it to the Official Receiver for the benefit of the creditors I should not object.

His Lordship—There is no doubt the policy is big enough to cover the whole of the debts. If an arrangement could be made for carrying out.

Mr. Grist—Meanwhile the claim of the creditors mentioned in the first charge upon it.

His Lordship—I don't think it is possible to close the public examination. It seems to me that the matter rests with the creditors to make some scheme among themselves.

The Official Receiver—I understand the debtor intends to apply for adjudication.

His Lordship—Has there been a meeting of creditors?

The Official Receiver—Yes. It was resolved that he be adjudicated bankrupt.

His Lordship—What would the result be?

The Official Receiver—Everything goes to the trustee.

His Lordship—They cannot prove as unsecured creditors and retain the policy.

The Official Receiver—That is so.

His Lordship—I think we can close the examination.

The Official Receiver and Mr. Grist said they had no objection.

Mr. Stevenson asked that Mr. F. B. Deacon be appointed trustee.

Mr. Grist objected.

His Lordship said the matter had better rest with the Official Receiver.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ

(ACTING PRINCIPAL JUDGE).

INTIMIDATING A WITNESS.

Mr. D'Almeida e Castro, who appeared for the plaintiff, in a promissory note case stated that he had sub-poenaed a witness, who that morning came to him and said he had been warned that if he gave evidence he would be assaulted.

The witness, on being called, confirmed this statement, saying that somebody told him not to come.

His Honour—Who was that?—Li Chun told me not to be a witness.

Is he in court?—Yes.

Li Chun was called, and his Honour told him he could only suppose that if he said what was alleged to the witness it was only through ignorance. Any endeavour to tamper with a witness was a very serious offence indeed.

As he had apparently done it in ignorance he would not be dealt with, but he warned him not to interfere with the witness between then and Friday—the day for the hearing of the case.

INDIAN ITEMS.

In view of the abnormal excessive depression in the English Piece Goods trade, in Bombay, the native merchants and traders connected with it, have petitioned the Governor-General, Lord Minto, praying for an exemption from the operations of the Income Tax for two years.

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OVER THE TELEPHONE.

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INTERPORT RUGBY.

The sporting community will be interested to hear, says the *Shanghai Mercury*, that there is a prospect, if only a slight one, of an addition to the energy of the Shanghai Rugby Football Club the number has already been increased this winter by the inclusion of the Bagby match against Kobe and Yokohama, and an attempt, we understand, is now being made to put hockey on the interport list. The arrangement seems to be that if Hongkong sends a Rugby football team north at China New Year a sufficient number will travel to form a hockey eleven to compete against the local club. From information received, however, it is believed that Hongkong will be unable to send a Rugby proposal will therefore fall through. While the Hockey Club would be able to draw upon the Navy for men it is very doubtful whether even then an eleven sufficiently strong to carry Shanghai's colours with much hope of success could be found.

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"KUMSANG,"

having arrived from the above Ports Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo, impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m. the 13th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1909. [16]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"AWA MARU,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-DAY.

Goods not cleared by 18th Jan., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1909. [173]

SPECIAL FOR FANCY DRESS BALL

As are now greatly in demand by Gentlemen.

TAFFETEEN

ALL COLOURS.

HOOSAIN-ALI & Co.,

No. 14, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1909. [41]

NEW ADVERTISEMENT

AUCTION SALE

PURE IRISH HOUSEHOLD LINENS, LACE AND TAPESTRY CURTAINS, &c., &c., &c.

MESSESS. HUGHES & HOUGH are favoured with instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, ON SATURDAY, the 16th JANUARY, 1909, commencing at 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. at their SALES ROOMS,

A FINE COLLECTION OF

HIGH CLASS IRISH GOODS.

COMPRISING:—PURE IRISH HAND-EMBROIDERED BEDSPREADS, Gent's PURE IRISH LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, FINE WHITE QUILTS, PURE IRISH LINEN DOUBLE DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS and SERVIETTES, IRISH EMBROIDERED PILLOW CASES, A Varied Assortment of UNDER-SHEETS, WAJING SKIRTS, ROBES, all LINEN DOUBLE size BED TICKS, FINE TURKISH TOWELS, NIGHTDRESSES, DRESSING GOWNS, APRONS, TABLE COVERS, IRISH LINEN DOYLEYS, BATH SHEETS, TAPESTRY CUSHION COVERS, Five o'clock TEA COSETS, TOILET SEITS, TEA COZY, TRAVELLING RUGS, Children's CLOTHES and OVERCOATS, LACE CURTAINS, TAPESTRY CURTAINS, &c., &c., &c.; and

A Small Quantity of "WITNEY" BLANKETS and SUIT LENGTHS.

The above Goods arrived here per s.s. "DEUVALION" and will be on view from THURSDAY, 14th January, p.m. Catalogues may be had on application.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1909. [168]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

MR. JAMES CRAIK has This Day been appointed Secretary.

H. P. WHITE, Chairman.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1909. [151]

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—

From 4th to 23rd January, 1909.

From Customs Pass and Chin Lan Chu over the area Kaulung Peak, Tates Cairn, Buffalo Hill, Razor Hill and High Junk Peak, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 10 a.m. daily, and finishing at 4 p.m.

If the weather is unfavourable on any of the above dates, practice will take place on the following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the ranges.

BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1909. [144]

NOTICE.

CHAN WOON of No. 29, Wing Wo Kung, Lane, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Shipowner, hereby give notice that I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894, in respect of the ship "YINGKING" of Hongkong, Official No. 11-6631 of Gross Tonnage 768-50 tons, Register Tonnage 459-15 tons, heretofore owned by Sing On Steamship Company, Limited, for permission to change her name to "Hoi Tung" and to have her registered in the New Name at the Port of Hongkong as owned by me.

Any objections to the proposed change of Name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Victoria, Hongkong, the 11th day of January, 1909. [163]

STOCKBROKERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

THE COMMITTEE has decided that the following shall be the Settling Days for 1909:—

FRIDAY, 29th January.

FRIDAY, 26th February.

TUESDAY, 30th March.

TUESDAY, 23rd April.

MONDAY, 31st May.

TUESDAY, 31st June.

FRIDAY, 30th July.

MONDAY, 30th August.

WEDNESDAY, 29th September.

FRIDAY, 29th October.

MONDAY, 29th November.

WEDNESDAY, 29th December.

The following is a List of Members of the STOCKBROKERS' ASSOCIATION of Hongkong:—

N. N. ADDIS.

A. S. ANTON.

J. M. DE C. BASTO.

S. S. BENJAMIN.

B. N. ELIAS.

FRED. ELLIS.

R. M. EZEKIEL.

C. GEORG.

ERICH GEORG.

R. A. GUEBAY.

D. HASSELL.

T. F. HUGHES.

E. HOWARD.

E. J. HUGHES.

E. S. JOSEPH.

E. S. KADOORIE.

ELLIS KADOORIE.

J. R. MICHAEL.

M. H. MICHAEL.

S. H. MICHAEL.

S. J. MICHAEL.

E. J. MOSES.

E. OWEN.

I. S. PERRY.

G. H. POTTS.

P. C. H. POTTS.

C. ROGER.

P. SUTHER.

E. SOLOMON.

P. STROPP.

A. G. STOKES.

J. Y. V. VEENON.

(Chairman).

J. F. WRIGHT.

By Order of the Committee.

J. F. WRIGHT, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1909. [153]

SINGON & CO.

IRON, STEEL, METAL and HARDWARE MERCHANTS. Wholesale and Retail Ironmongers. Pig Iron and Foundry Coke Importers. General Storekeepers and Shipchangers. Nos. 35 & 37, HING LOONG STREET, (2nd Street, west of Central Market) Telephone No. 515. [660]

AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY To be Sold BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES

MESSESS. HUGHES & HOUGH, AT THEIR SALES ROOMS, ICE HOUSE STREET, ON FRIDAY, the 15th JANUARY, 1909, at Noon.

ALL those Pieces or Parcels of ground known and registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOTS Nos. 1544 and 1712, with the Messuage and Buildings thereon known as "NEWLANDS," Conduit Road.

The Properties are held under and subject to the Agreement and Conditions of Sale under which the same were purchased from the Crown at Public Auction and the purchaser will be entitled to apply for and obtain Crown Leases thereof for terms of 75 years each.

Area of Inland Lot No. 1544—41,060 square feet. Annual Crown Rent—\$283.

Area of Inland Lot No. 1712—13,872 square feet. Annual Crown Rent—\$96.

For further particulars and conditions of sale Apply to—

The Auctioneers, or to

MESSESS. DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON, Solicitors for the Vendors.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1909. [156]

STEAM LAUNCHES FOR SALE.

FOR SALE, with Immediate Possession, that well-known and excellently finished STEAM YACHT the "CANADA." Also the STEAM LAUNCH "SWALLOW." Both Launches are in excellent repair and are for Sale with Immediate Possession at extremely low Prices.

Apply—

MR. H. PERCY SMITH, Chartered Accountant, 5, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1909. [155]

FOR SALE A Quantity of NETTING for TENNIS COURTS, etc., at less than half cost.

TABLE BILLIARD SETS, SLATE BEDS, from \$40.00. May be seen by appointment.

CHINA EXPRESS CO., 3, DUNDRELL STREET.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1908. [50]

PHILATELIC NOVELTY suitable for NEW YEAR PRESENTS. Bags of used Postage Stamps. Containing:

All Asiatic Stamps.	All Chinese Stamps.
4,000 for \$8.00.	4,000 for \$4.50.
3,000 " 7.00.	3,000 " 3.50.
2,000 " 5.00.	2,000 " 2.50.
700 " 2.00.	1,000 " 1.50.
300 " 1.00.	500 " 1.00.

Also Stamps in Packets and Sets at prices to suit everybody.

VIEW POSTCARDS, ALBUMS, HINGES, &c., &c., &c.

Inspection invited. GRACA & Co. No. 27, Des Vaux Road. [126]

SANG MOW.

RATTAN AND GRASS FURNITURE MAKER.

CHAIRS, TABLES, SEATERS & LONG CHAIRS.

BAMBOO BLINDS, MATTINGS in all colours on Sale.

All Orders receive Prompt attention.

59A, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1908. [401]

TO LET.

FURNISHED, The BLUFF No. 107, the Peak, 5-Roomed Bungalow with Tennis Court. March to July. Rent \$150.

Apply—

L. GIBBS, 6, Beaconsfield Arcade.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1909. [160]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 5A, DUNDRELL STREET.

Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [98]

TO LET.

ROOMS in HOTEL MANSIONS, suitable for Offices or Chambers.

Apply to—

HENRY HUMPHREYS, Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, 11th November, 1908. [104]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in MOUNTAIN VIEW, Furnished for Summer Months. In Good Order.

Apply to—

LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1909. [141]

TO LET

STORAGE.

FOR COAL, TIMBER, &c.

TO BE LET, a Portion of MARINE LOT No. 285 at NORTH POINT, Suitable for above Purpose. EXTENSIVE WATER FRONT. DEEP WATER.

Also FOR SALE.

Portions of MARINE LOTS Nos. 31 & 36 on PRAYA EAST. Approximate AREA 43,000 SQUARE FT. 999-YEARS LEASE.

For Particulars, apply—

GEO. BENWICK & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. [96]

TO LET.

A BERTHOLWYN, PEAK ROAD, from 1st March next. Excellently Furnished, Hot and Cold Water laid on. Tennis Court and Swimming Bath.

Apply to—

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD. Hongkong, 6th October, 1908. [125]

TO LET.

NO. 14, SEYMOUR TERRACE. Possession from 1st January, 1909.

Apply to—

THE COMPADORE DEPARTMENT, MESSESS. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., St. George's Building.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1908. [112]

TO LET.

OFFICES in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

Apply—

SECRETARY, A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1907. [102]

TO LET.

COAL YARD. Immediate Possession. A PORTION OF THE COMPOUND of Marine Lot, No. 42, Wanchai, Praya East.

Apply to—

N. MODY & Co., Hongkong, 23rd July, 1908. [107]

TO LET.

"FUNG-SHUI," 121, PLANTATION ROAD, THE PEAK. Drawing and Dining Rooms, Three Large and One Small Bedrooms, Dressing and Bath Rooms, Pantry, Kitchen and Laundry, Servants' Quarters, Poultry House, Large Vegetable Garden, Flower Garden, and Lawn.

Apply to—

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors, 8, Des Vaux Road Central.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1909. [110]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 97, PRAYA EAST.

Apply to—

CHATER & MODY, Victoria Buildings.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1908. [109]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in Wong Nei Chong Road.

A HOUSE in RYAN TERRACE.

1st floor.

"HAIRERLEIGH" Conduit Road. OFFICES in YORK BUILDING.

GODOWNS in PRAYA EAST, BLUE BUILDINGS and No. 16B, Des Vaux Road next to the HONGKONG HOTEL.

FLATS in MOORETON TERRACE.

Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD. Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [97]

TO LET.

ONE OFFICE ROOM, Third Floor, New Praya 2, Opposite Murray Pier.

Apply to—

SCHULTZ & Co. Hongkong, 28th July, 1908. [106]

TO LET.

NOS. 2 & 3, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, facing the Parade Ground.

A 6-ROOMED HOUSE furnished or unfurnished at the Peak.

"GRASSIDE" furnished, Barker Road, No. 130, Peak.

NO. 2, CAMERON VILLAS furnished 61 Peak, from end of March, 1909.

CMS. PEAK BUNGALOW, furnished, Mount Kellett, from 1st February to end of June, 1909.

NO. 55, ELGIN TERRACE.

BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, Fine Offices and Dwelling Rooms.

NO. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, First & Top Floors, (over Caldbeck MacGregor).

OFFICES in Queen's Road Central.

BELLILLO TERRACE HOUSES, ROBINSON ROAD.

A GODOWN in DUNDRELL STREET.

Apply to—

LINSTEAD & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1909. [100]

TO LET.

NO. 52, CAINE ROAD.

Apply to—

SAM WANG CO. LTD. 81, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1908. [101]

TO LET.

FROM 1st MAY.

KOWLOON MARINE LOT 48, Yaumati. Area 85,200 square feet and with 255 feet Sea Frontage. Especially suited for Storage of Coal, Timber, &c.

Apply to—

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD. Hongkong, 18th January, 1908. [103]

TO LET.

OFFICES and ROOMS on the 1st and 2nd Floors of No. 14, Des Vaux Road Central (formerly occupied by Messrs. SHEWAN TOMES & Co.)

Apply to—

THE COMPADORE DEPARTMENT, E. D. SARSON & Co., Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 10th June, 1908. [105]

BANKS

THE MERCHANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ... £1,500,000

SUBSCRIBED ... 1,125,000

PAID-UP ... 562,000

RESERVE FUND ... 210,000

BANKERS:

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily balances.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 months ... 4 per cent.

For 6 " ... 3 1/2 per cent.

For 3 " ... 3 per cent.

EVAN ORMISTON, Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd April 1908. [23]

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ... Yen 24,000,000

RESERVE FUND ... 15,100,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

Tokyo	Kobe	Osaka
Nagasaki	London	Lyons
New York	San Francisco	Honolulu
Bombay	Shanghai	Hankow
Chefoo	Tientsin	Peking
Newchwang	Daluy	Port Arthur
Amoy	Lioyang	Mukden
Tientsin	Chiang Chen	

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances.

On fixed deposits for 12 months 5 per cent. per annum

" " " 6 " " 4 1/2 "

" " " 3 " " 4 "

" " " 2 " " 3 1/2 "

" " " 1 " " 3 "

TAKEO TAKAMICHI, Manager.

Hongkong, 12th September, 1908. [524]

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY)

ESTABLISHED 1824.

PAID UP CAPITAL FL. 45,000,000 (£3,750,000)

RESERVE FUND FL. 5,752,894.84

(about £479,407)

HEAD OFFICE: AMSTERDAM.

HEAD-AGENCY: BATAVIA.

Branches:—Singapore, Penang, Shanghai, Bangkok, Samang, Surabaya, Cheribon, Tegal, Pecalongan, Pasuruan, Tjilatjap, Padang, Medan (Deli), Palembang, Kotabadjie, (Acheen) Bandjermasin.

Correspondents at Macassar, Bombay, Colombo, Madras, Pondicherry, Calcutta, Bangkok, Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi, Amoy, Yokohama, Kobe, Melbourne, Sydney, New York, San Francisco, &c., &c.

LONDON BANKERS:—

THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LIMITED.

The Bank buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of credit on its Branches and Correspondents in the East, on the Continent, and in Great Britain, America, and Australia, and transacts Banking Business of every description.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account 2 per annum on daily balances.

On Fixed Deposits 12 months 4 1/2 per annum.

" " " 6 " " 4 " "

" " " 3 " " 3 1/2 " "

" " " 2 " " 3 " "

" " " 1 " " 2 1/2 " "

J. L. VAN HOUTEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 15th July, 1908. [25]

DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID UP—Sh. Tael 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BERLIN.

BRANCHES:

Berlin, Hamburg, Calcutta, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Tainanfu, Tsingtau, Kobe, Yokohama, Singapore.

Founded by the following Banks and Bankers:—

KOENIGLICHE SIEBHANDLUNG (PREUSSISCHE STAATSBANK) Berlin.

DIRECTION DER DISCONTO-GESELLSCHAFT

DEUTSCHE BANK S. BLEICHROEDER

BERLINER HANDELS-GESELLSCHAFT

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ROBERT WARSCHAUER & Co. MÜNCHEN

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JOSEPH S. H. STERN

NORDDEUTSCHE BANK IN HAMBURG, HAMBURG.

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THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LIMITED.

DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENT

DIRECTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account. DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and exchange business transacted.

A. KOEHN, Manager.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. [24]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... £1,200,000

RESERVE FUND ... £1,525,000

RESERVE LIABILITIES OF PROFIT ... £1,200,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent.

for 6 " " 3 1/2 "

for 3 " " 3 "

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Manager.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1908. [121]

BANKS

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application. INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balance \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. [21]

NEDERLANDSCH-INDISCHE HANDELSBANK.

(NETHERLANDS INDIA COMMERCIAL BANK).

ESTABLISHED 1863.

Authorized Capital FL. 15,000,000 (£1,250,000)

Subscribed Capital FL. 10,000,000 (Paid up)

Reserve Fund FL. 2,200,517.37 (£183,376)

HEAD OFFICE: AMSTERDAM.

HEAD AGENCY: BATAVIA.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE WILLIAMS DEACONS BANK, SWISS BANKVEREIN.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS all over the World.

THE BANK transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business, receives money in Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on Daily balances and accepts Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—

12 months 4 1/2 per annum.

6 do. 3 1/2 do.

3 do. 3 do.

C. WOLDREING, Manager.

No. 16, Des Vaux Road Central.

Hongkong, 3rd November, 1908. [26]

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER).

Capital Subscribed (paid up) ... Yen 5,000,000

Reserve Fund ... Yen 1,140,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEH, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

Amoy	Kobe	Tainan
Anping	Nagasaki	Tientsin
Foochow	Osaka	Tokyo
Keelung	Shanghai	Yokohama
Swatow		

HONGKONG OFFICE:

3, Des Vaux Road.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.

Deposits received on terms which may be had on application.

D. TOWDOW, Manager.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1908. [1518]

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL PA